

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ISLAMA 12994 220707Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00
PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 FEA-01 INT-05 OES-06
ERDA-07 NRC-07 /076 W
----- 089244 /21

R 220605Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9148
INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA
AMEMBASSY KABUL
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS ISLAMABAD 12994

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, PK, IN, MMOL, MMUC
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ON ARMS SUPPLY AND
MANUFACTURE, NUCLEAR REPROCESSING, AND INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

1. DECEMBER 21 PAKISTAN PRESS CARRIED TEXT OF BHUTTO
INTERVIEW ORIGINALLY RELEASED DECEMBER 20 IN COMMEMORATION
OF FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (PPP)
GOVERNMENT THROUGH PPP ORGANS MUSAWAT (UDRU LANGUAGE
DAILY) AND HILAL-I-PAKISTAN (SINDHI LANGUAGE DAILY). THE
INTERVIEW COVERED WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS INCLUDING ARMS
SUPPLY, INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST, AND NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT.

2. BHUTTO STATED THAT PAKISTAN IS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE AN
INDIGENOUS ARMS INDUSTRY. HE RECALLED THAT PAKISTAN
HAS SUCCEEDED IN HAVING THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO
LIFTED: PAKISTAN HAS NOT ONLY ACQUIRED AMERICAN ARMS,
BUT HAS ASKED FOR MORE. PAKISTAN HAS ALSO PURCHASED
ARMS FROM FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT HE CONSIDERED
CHINA'S COOPERATION IN ARMS SUPPLY MOST PRAISEWORTHY.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ISLAMA 12994 220707Z

3. BHUTTO TOLD INTERVIEWER HE DOES NOT THINK AMERICAN-
CANADIAN OPPOSITION TO SALE BY FRANCE OF A NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN WOULD INFLUENCE THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER REGRETTED INDIA'S DECISION TO

CARRY OUT ANOTHER ATOMIC TEST DESPITE THE RECENT UNGA RESOLUTION URGING A SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE; SUCH A TEST WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE RESOLUTION (ANOTHER IN A GROWING LIST OF INDIAN VIOLATIONS OF UN RESOLUTIONS). HE CAREFULLY TERMED THIS STATEMENT A REGRET, NOT A CRITICISM, AND SAID THAT IF INDIA HAD NOT OBTAINED HEAVY WATER FROM ONE COUNTRY, ANOTHER NATION WOULD OFFER THE COMMODITY. THIS SHARPLY CONTRASTS TO PAKISTAN'S PLIGHT, FOR DESPITE PAKISTAN'S PLEDGES NOT TO USE HER ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES, PAKISTAN FACES STIFF OPPOSITION AGAINST HER ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECTS. HE PLEDGED TO ALLOW NO SUPER POWER TO UPSET PLANS TO OBTAIN THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND INVITED PAKISTAN'S OPPOSITION PARTIES TO JOIN HIM IN MAKING THIS A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE.

CONSTABLE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS CONFERENCES, ARMS SHIPMENTS, ARMS PRODUCTION, NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, NUCLEAR TESTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ISLAMA12994
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760469-0384
From: ISLAMABAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761221/aaaaaryu.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: vogelfj
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUN 2004 by chengls>; APPROVED <08 DEC 2004 by vogelfj>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ON ARMS SUPPLY AND MANUFACTURE, NUCLEAR REPROCESSING, AND INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST
TAGS: PFOR, MMOL, MNUC, PK, IN, (BHUTTO, ALI)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006